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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program was developed by the U.S. Army TRADOC Systems Analysis Activity (TRASANA) in support of a cost and operational effectiveness analysis (COEA) for assessing the effectiveness of CH-47 aircraft systems. The model was written in FORTRAN IV for a UNIVAC System 1108 computer. Following completion, the model was used by TRASANA for the cited purpose during the tenure of the CH-47 COEA.

The Systems Analysis Office, U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command (AVSCOM), sought and obtained the CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program from TRASANA. It is now operational and is being evaluated for possible application in determining the optimum schedule for CH-47 aircraft.

### 1.1 Language

The CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program is written in FORTRAN IV, one of the high level computer languages.

### 1.2 Machine

The AVSCOM version of the CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program is written for and implemented on the IBM System 360/65 computer.

### 1.3 Memory Requirements

The CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program requires 120K 32-bit words of memory.

### 1.4 Description

The CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program is presently composed of a main program and 10 subprograms (AVGEFF, BMPPAR, DAYSEQ, FLEETF, FLTHRS, PRINT1, UNITF, RANDF, and FILL).

**MAIN**--The program that directs and controls the activities of the subprograms. For example, calls the statistical routine to add the current day's performance to the previous day's performance data and computes a moving average; and checks the 95 percent confidence limits, mean, and variance of performance for aircraft of type k.

**AVGEFF**--A subroutine that computes performance statistics (mean, variance, and 95 percent confidence limits) for aircraft of type k from the start of the computer run until its termination in number of sample (NOSMPL) days.

**BMPAR**--A subroutine that is used to facilitate the sensitivity analysis of the input variables. The input variable under investigation is initially set at an assigned lower limit and incrementally increased until it reaches its assigned upper limit.

**DAYSEQ**--A subroutine that generates the daily mission sequence to be performed by an aircraft. The occurrence of a mission is based upon a pre-established frequency distribution for a mission of type m.

**FLEETF**--A subroutine that calls in the six alternative fleet mixes or number of units expected for each year of the analysis and calculates fleet relative effectiveness by multiplying the relative effectiveness of a type k aircraft times the number of type k aircraft in the fleet.

**FLTHRS**--A subroutine that computes the flight hours available for an aircraft to perform its daily mission(s).

**PRINT1**--A subroutine that outputs the relative effectiveness of aircraft of type k versus the MOE.

**UNITF**--A subroutine that calculates the relative effectiveness of aircraft of type k which are assigned to a given organizational unit.

**RANDU**--A subroutine that calls a pseudorandom number generator.

**RANF**--A pseudorandom number generator for producing random numbers.

**FILL**--A table look-up of pseudorandom numbers which is used to verify computer runs which are accomplished at the organization which developed this program.

The CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program was designed to handle a maximum of five distinct CH-47 aircraft types which may be exercised in any theater (Middle East, European, etc.).

Aircraft are assumed to operate out of table of organization and equipment (TO&E) aircraft units with each possessing an assigned strength and an homogeneous mix of aircraft (CH-47A, CH-47B, CH-47C, CH-47D, and CH-53E). The general concept of operation is the following: Mission profile data for the Middle East and European scenarios are defined. Daily mission requests are exacted upon the various organizational aircraft unit until each organizational aircraft unit's preallotted time is exhausted. Candidate CH-47 aircraft are ranked in order of average daily effectiveness values. Over a 20 year period, 6 alternate fleet mixes of aircraft are phased into the CH-47 fleet. A relative effectiveness value for a fleet of aircraft of a given mix is determined by multiplying the average relative effectiveness value for a CH-47 aircraft of type k times the number of CH-47 aircraft of type k in a given year's fleet mix for each of the 20 years.

A sensitivity analysis is performed. Each independent variable is examined over a range. Each time the target variable is increased, the number of flight hours allowed and MOE for CH-47 aircraft of type k to perform mission(s) of type m are calculated for each of NOSMPL days. Statistical performance measures (mean, variance, and 95 percent confidence limits) as a consequence of the mission profile data are accumulated and saved for each day of the simulation, from the first day through the last NOSMPL day.

The MOE, productivity, efficiency, utilization ratio, mission fill ratio, and load fill ratio, are calculated from daily performance summations and combined with the previous day's MOE. The MOE and relative effectiveness values are calculated and verified for NOSMPL days. The mean, variance, and 95 percent confidence limits are printed along with the average daily relative effectiveness values for aircraft type k over NOSMPL days.

The number of flight hours allowed (FHALOW) for a CH-47 aircraft of type k to perform a mission of type m is computed as follows:

$$FHALOW = \frac{MNTPER \times PERAVL \times EFFNCY \times SHFTLN}{MMHPFH \times COMFAC}$$

where

MNTPER--The number of maintenance personnel assigned to the target aircraft maintenance support unit.

PERAVL--The percentage of the MNTPER who actually supports the target aircraft maintenance support unit.

EFFNCY--A number on the unit interval that is assigned to MNTPER to represent their relative proficiency for performing their duties.

SHFTLN--The number of clock hours expended by a given employee during her/his regular work day.

MMHPFH--The number of standard man-hours per flight hour.

COMFAC--A number assigned to an aircraft unit to denote its relative effectiveness for performing its dedicated mission(s).

## **2. INSTRUCTIONS**

### **2.1 Input Card Formats**

Below are complete input card layouts for the CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program. (Note that each card layout also describes the target variables, parameters, or data elements listed thereon.)

Exhibits 1 through 7 show the specific input card layouts for the CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program. (Please follow the instructions for preparing the input cards literally.)

### **2.2 General**

To exercise the Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program, proceed as follows:

- a. Prepare the input data cards as prescribed under paragraph 2.1, Input Card Formats.
- b. Prepare the job control language (JCL) as prescribed in Appendix B.
- c. Arrange the input card data deck as shown in Figure 1.
- d. Consolidate the JCL and input card data decks in the appropriate manner.
- e. Place the consolidated card deck in the card reader (read-in hopper) and press STOP, ABORT, RESET, END OF FILE, AND START to read.
- f. Remove the consolidated card deck from the card reader (read-out hopper) and store in a designated place.

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM					CARD: 1
PARAMETER	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION	
NOSIMPL		I10	1-10	The number of days the model was designated to run.	

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM				CARD: 2
PARA	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION
	I10	1-10		A code that is designated to represent an aircraft of type k.

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM					CARD: 3
PARA	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION	
NOAC(K,M)		I5	1-5	A code that is designated to represent a mission of type m.	
NOSRTY(K,M)	13	6-8		The number of aircraft of type k designated to pursue a mission of type m.	
NACC(K,M)	13	9-11		The number of sorties designated to be flown by aircraft of type k in pursuit of missions of type m.	
TMREQ(K,M)	Ton miles	F9.0	12-14	A number which designates whether an aircraft of type k can perform a mission of type m.	
TMDEL(K,M)	Ton miles	F9.0	15-23	Short ton nautical miles required of aircraft of type k on missions of type m.	
TMCAP(K,M)	Ton miles	F9.0	24-33	The number of short ton nautical miles delivered by aircraft of type k on missions of type m.	
FUEL(K,M)	Gal.	F9.0	34-42	The short ton nautical miles deliverable by aircraft of type k on missions of type m.	
TALLOW(K,M)	Hrs.	F5.0	43-51	Total fuel used by aircraft of type k on missions of type m.	
			52-56	The amount of time preallotted for aircraft of type k to complete missions of type m.	

CARD: 3 Cont'd

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM					CARD: 3 Cont
PARAMETER	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION	
TACT(K,M)	Hrs.	F5.0	57-61	The actual time expended by aircraft of type k to complete missions of type m.	
BLKTIME(K,M)	Hrs.	F5.0	62-66	The total time the aircraft of type k are used to complete their mission.	
FLTTIME(K,M)	Hrs.	F5.0	67-71	The total time each aircraft of type k is in the air.	

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM					CARD: 4
PARA	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION	
NA		110	1-10	A code that is designated to represent a specific option for a given CH-47 aircraft fleet mix over a 20 year period.	

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM					CARD: 5
PARA	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION	
LYR	Years	15	1-5	The last two digits of the year under consideration.	
NC(1)		110	6-15	The number of aircraft of type one in the fleet for the year under consideration.	
NC(2)		110	16-25	The number of aircraft of type two in the fleet for the year under consideration.	
NC(3)		110	26-35	The number of aircraft of type three in the fleet for the year under consideration.	
NC(4)		110	36-45	The number of aircraft of type four in the fleet for the year under consideration.	
NC(5)		110	46-55	The number of aircraft of type five in the fleet for the year under consideration.	

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM					CARD: 6
PARA	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION	
VRABL	I10	1-10		The initial value of the target variable to be varied if a sensitivity analysis is desired.	

MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTER EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION PROGRAM					CARD: 7
PARA	UNITS	FORMAT	COLUMNS	DESCRIPTION	
MNTPER		F10.0	1-10	The number of maintenance personnel assigned to the target aircraft maintenance support unit.	
PERAVL		F10.0	11-20	The percentage of the MNTPER who actually supports the target aircraft maintenance support unit.	
EFFNCY		F10.0	21-30	A number on the unit interval that is assigned to MNTPER to represent their relative proficiency for performing their duties.	
SHFTLN	Hrs.	F10.0	31-40	The number of clock hours expended by a given employee during his regular work day in support of the aircraft maintenance support activity.	
SHPFH	Hrs.	F10.0	41-50	The number of standard maintenance man-hours per flight hour.	
UPRLIM		F10.0	51-60	The maximum value of the target variable which is chosen for consideration if a sensitivity analysis is desired.	
LWRIM		F10.0	61-70	The minimum value of the target variable which is chosen for consideration if a sensitivity analysis is desired.	

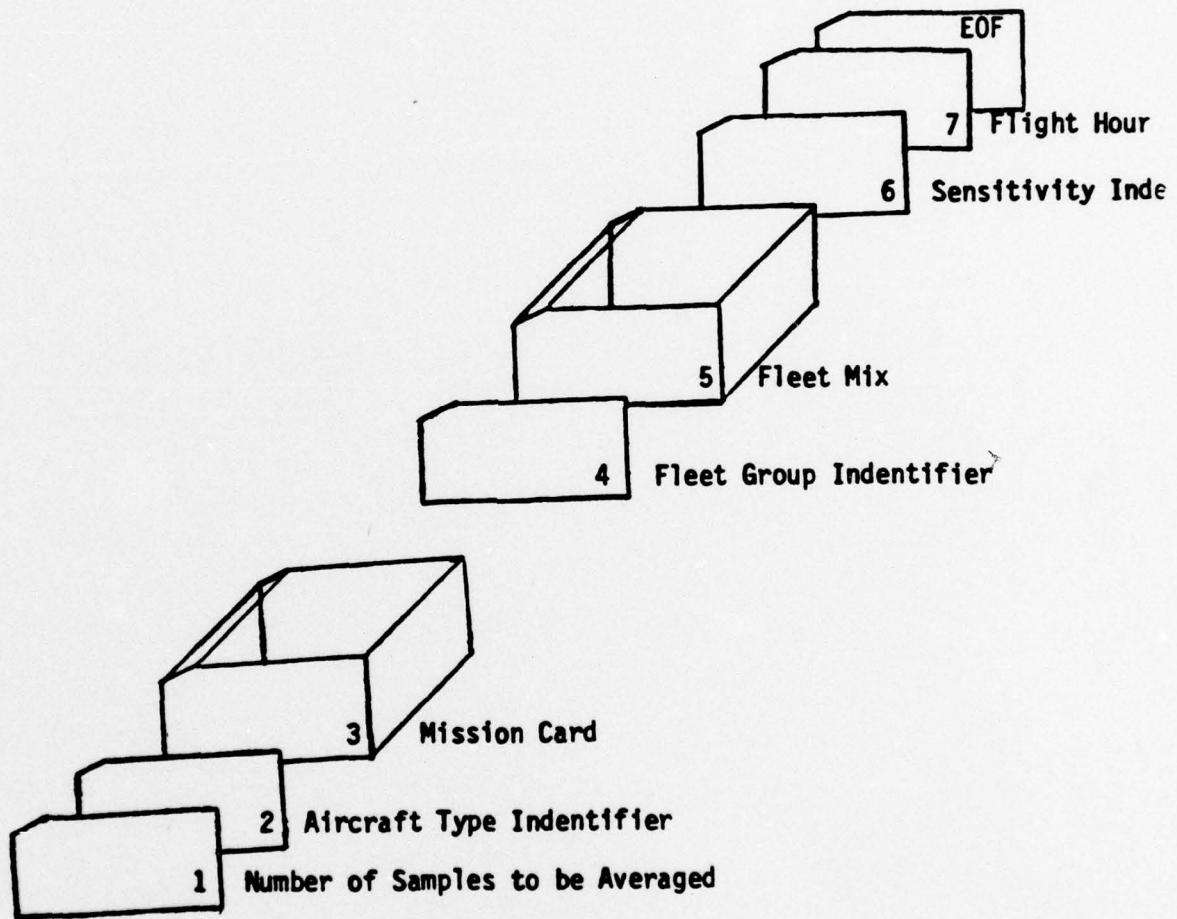


Figure 1. Data Deck Setup for the Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program

### **3. APPLICATION**

The CH-47 Medium Lift Helicopter Effectiveness Evaluation Program may be used to obtain an estimate of the relative composite effectiveness of a medium lift or possibly a utility helicopter system (implying possibly a different value for a different configuration or series helicopter system) in the performance of its dedicated mission(s). Note that the relative composite effectiveness of one of these helicopter systems is extracted from a concept called MOE, in this instance, principally and specifically, the mission fill ratio, utilization ratio, load fill ratio, efficiency index, and productivity index. These MOE are purported to be among the foremost indicators for measuring the relative composite effectiveness of a CH-47 helicopter system. Additionally, this program may be used to determine the sensitivity of the various MOE (which were cited above) on the relative composite effectiveness of a CH-47 helicopter system.

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APPENDIX A

VARIABLE NAMES

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### 1.1 Input Variables

BLKTIME(K,M)..... Given k-number of aircraft to satisfy the objective, block time is the elapse in time from engine start of the 1st, 2nd, ..., kth aircraft from the base of origin (BOO) to the objective until the return and landing of the last aircraft to the BOO.

COMFAC..... A number assigned to an aircraft to denote its relative effectiveness for performing its dedicated mission(s).

EFFNCY..... A number on the unit interval that is assigned to MNTPER to represent their relative proficiency for performing their duties.

FLTIME(K,M)..... Given k-number of aircraft to satisfy the objective, flight time is the sum of the lapses in time from engine start of the 1st, 2nd, ..., kth aircraft from the BOO to the objective until the return and landing of the last aircraft to the BOO.

FUEL(K,M)..... The amount of fuel to be consumed between takeoff and landing aircraft type k in pursuit of mission type m.

K..... A code that is designated to represent an aircraft type k.

LWRLIM..... The lower limit of the target variable which is chosen for consideration if a sensitivity analysis is desired.

LYR..... The last two digits of the year under consideration.

M..... A code that is designated to represent a mission of type m.

MACC(K,M)..... A number which indicates whether an aircraft of type k can perform a mission of type m. (0-no; 1-yes)

MMHPFH..... The number of standard maintenance man-hours per flight hour.

MNTPER..... The number of maintenance personnel assigned to the target aircraft maintenance support unit.

NA..... A code that is designated to represent a specific option for a given CH-47 aircraft fleet mix over a 20 year period.

- NC(K)..... The number of aircraft of type k in the fleet.
- NOAC(K,M)..... The number of aircraft of type k designated to pursue mission type m.
- NOSMPL..... The number of days the model was designated to run.
- NOSRTY(K,M).... The number of sorties to be flown by aircraft type k to complete missions of type m.
- PERAVL..... The percentage of the MNTPER who actually supports the target aircraft maintenance support unit.
- RL(L)..... The value of the distribution function at point L.  
(The method used for picking the appropriate mission.)
- SHFTLN..... The number of clock hours expended by a given employee during her/his regular work day.
- TACT(K,M)..... The actual time expended by aircraft type k to complete mission type m.
- TALLOW(K,M).... The amount of time that was pre-allotted for aircraft type k to complete mission type m.
- TMCAP(K,M)..... The number of sorties possible by aircraft type k in the pre-allotted time multiplied by the maximum payload of aircraft type k in short tons to complete mission type m times the number of nautical miles one-way from the pickup zone to the landing zone.
- TMDEL(K,M)..... The actual number of short tons moved by aircraft type k times the number of nautical miles flown by aircraft type k in the accomplishment of mission type m.
- TMREQ(K,M)..... The movement of a given mass of material by aircraft type k in pursuit of mission type m times the distance traveled by aircraft type k in nautical miles.
- UPRLIM..... The upper limit of the target variable which is chosen for consideration if a sensitivity analysis is desired.
- WRABL..... The target variable to be varied if a sensitivity analysis is desired.

## 1.2 Output Variables

**Efficiency.....** The cumulative TMDEL(K,M) by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day divided by the cumulative pounds of FUEL(K,M), in 100-pound units, consumed by aircraft type k for the required missions for that day.

**Load Fill Ratio....** The cumulative TMDEL(K,M) by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day divided by the cumulative TMREQ(K,M) of aircraft type k for all missions required during that day.

**Mission Fill Ratio....** The number of missions completed by aircraft type k during a day divided by the number of missions requested during that day.

**Productivity Rate for One Unit of Time....** The cumulative TMDEL(K,M) by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day.

**Utilization Ratio....** The cumulative TMDEL(K,M) by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day divided by the cumulative TMCAP(K,M) of aircraft type k for the required missions for that day.

APPENDIX B

JOB CONTROL LANGUAGE



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APPENDIX C

SAMPLE OUTPUT LISTING

CUMULATIVE DATA AND PREDICTION NUMBER

A/C	MISSION	TIME LEFT	MISSESSONS	TIME USED	FLIGHT TYPE	TIME USED	FUEL USED	LOCK TIME USED
YONOMILS	YONOMILS	DELIVERED	DELIVERED	DELIVERED	YONOMILS	DELIVERED	YONOMILS	DELIVERED

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COMMUNALISTE DAISU PFRONOMANCF

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CLINICAL ACTIVE DAILY X RENEWAL

A/C - MISSION TIME 1000-1015 hrs  
MISSING SHOTIRS 1000-1015 hrs  
MISSING TIME 1000-1015 hrs  
TIME USED 1000-1015 hrs  
FUEL 1000-1015 hrs  
BLOCK 1000-1015 hrs  
FLIGHT 1000-1015 hrs

1	-35.24	0	1	162.06	162.96	367.46	6013.71	2.89	2.66
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PRODUCTIVITY	10191.512	1020.906	9016.176	11348.844
FUEL EFFICIENCY	17.435	2.151	12.074	14.075
UTILIZATION	0.889	0.199	0.886	0.935
LOAN_FILL_RATIO	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000
MISSION_FILL_RATIO	0.583	0.112	0.512	0.654

RESULTS

	AVERAGE	STD DEV	LOWER CONF LIMIT	UPPER CONF LIMIT
PRODUCTIVITY	4570.391	1121.096	3470.351	5280.430
FUEL EFFICIENCY	11.882	2.541	10.275	13.409
UTILIZATION	0.746	0.242	0.613	0.919
LOAN_FILL_RATIO	1.000	0.000	1.000	1.000
MISSION_FILL_RATIO	0.174	0.290	-0.009	0.357

SENSITIVITY CONCLUDED FOR 10MAY AND 11TH CYCLIC

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
SENSITIVITY PARAMETER NO. 1	0.273000E+02	0.214400E+02	0.202100E+02	0.540000E+02	0.205380E+02
FLIGHT WEIGHT AVAILABLE	0.10587E+02	0.10587E+02	0.10587E+02	0.10587E+02	0.10587E+02

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ANALYSIS OF FLIGHT WINGS AVAILABLE VS DRAFTED IN:

WING NO. FLIGHT WINGS AVAILABLE VS DRAFTED IN:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

(P)	(P)	(C)	(D)	(E)
n.2A5AF.01 + 0.4820F.01	0.2A44AF.01 + n.2E91nF.01	n.2A44nF.01 + n.7n70F.01	0.2649E.01 + 0.5390E.01	0.2646E.01 + 0.5220E.01
n.3A49F.01 + 0.4809F.01	0.3640F.01 + 0.74A3F.01	n.363AF.01 + n.01nA4F.01	0.5038E.01 + n.1025E.02	0.3440F.01 + 0.4786E.01
n.4242F.01 + 0.1094F.02	0.4234F.01 + 0.962AF.01	n.4229F.01 + 0.1130F.02	0.7427E.01 + 0.1511E.02	0.4234E.01 + 0.0352E.01
n.4203F.01 + 0.1294F.02	0.4078F.01 + n.1127F.01?	n.4n20F.01 + n.1341F.02	0.9816E.01 + 0.1997E.02	0.5028F.01 + 0.9910E.01
n.4829F.01 + 0.1903F.02	0.4829F.01 + 0.1903F.02?	n.4812F.01 + n.1123F.02?	0.1220E.02 + 0.2483E.02	0.5822E.01 + 0.1148E.02
n.4421F.01 + 0.1707F.02	0.4614F.01 + 0.1477F.02	n.4A03F.01 + n.1744F.02	0.1459E.02 + 0.2969E.02	0.6616E.01 + 0.1305E.02
n.7416F.01 + 0.1912F.02	0.7610F.01 + 0.1AC2E.02?	n.7194F.01 + n.1074F.02	0.169nE.02 + 0.3456E.02	0.7410E.01 + 0.1462E.02
n.8207F.01 + 0.2114F.02	0.8704F.01 + 0.1812F.02?	n.8106F.01 + n.21n7F.02	0.1937E.02 + 0.3942E.02	0.8206E.01 + 0.1610E.02
n.900nF.01 + n.2321F.02	n.899nF.01 + n.2nn9F.02?	n.8977F.01 + n.2308F.02	0.2176E.02 + 0.4428E.02	0.8998E.01 + 0.1775E.02
n.9791F.01 + 0.2926F.02	0.9792F.01 + 0.21n7F.02?	n.976nF.01 + n.2610F.02	0.2414E.02 + 0.4914E.02	0.9792E.01 + 0.1931E.02
n.1059F.02 + 0.2710F.02	0.1059F.02 + 0.2344F.02?	n.1n56F.02 + n.2821F.02	0.2654E.02 + 0.5400E.02	0.1059E.02 + 0.20n6E.02

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APPENDIX D

**GLOSSARY**

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**Availability.....** A measure of the system's condition at the start of a mission. It is a function of the relationships among hardware, personnel, and procedures.

**Capability.....** A measure of the system's ability to achieve the mission objectives, given the system's condition during the mission. Capability specifically accounts for the performance spectrum of the system.

**Dependability....** A measure of the system's condition at one or more points during the mission, given the system's condition at the start of the mission.

**Effectiveness....** The extent to which a target aircraft weapon system performs the mission(s) for which it was designed or purported.

**Efficiency.....** The ratio of the work performed by the target aircraft weapon system during a specified time period to the energy, maintenance, etc. supplied to it during that time period.

**Efficiency, CH-47...** The cumulative short ton nautical miles (STNMs) delivered by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day divided by the cumulative pounds of fuel (in 100-pounds units) consumed by aircraft type k for all missions flown during that day.

**Load-Fill-Ratio, CH-47...** The cumulative STNMs delivered by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day divided by the cumulative STNMs required of aircraft type k for all missions required for that day.

**Measure of Effectiveness...** A prominent factor or component which discloses one facet of the effectiveness with which a target aircraft weapon system performs the mission(s) for which it was designed or purported.

**Mission-Fill-Ratio, CH-47...** The number of missions completed by aircraft type k during a day divided by the number of missions requested during that day.

**Productivity, CH-47...** The cumulative STNMs delivered by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day.

**Sortie.....** The flying of a CH-47 on a one-way trip with payload from the pickup or loading zone to the target zone.

**System Effectiveness...** A measure of the extent to which a system may be expected to achieve a set of specific mission requirements. It is a function of the system's availability, dependability and capability.

**Utilization Ratio...** The cumulative STNMs delivered by aircraft type k for all missions flown during a day divided by the cumulative STNMs deliverable by aircraft type k for the required missions for that day.

APPENDIX E

LOCATION OF USER MATERIALS

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The source program and job control language (JCL) card decks can be found in the card files, Cabinet 2, Drawer 4 (from the top), left side, in the sixth floor computer room.